

# TALLYHO

*Serving the men and women of Fighter Country*

Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

## Fourth of July events

### ***Luke Air Force Base***

Luke's Fourth of July kicks off with a 5K Firecracker Fun Run at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday from the fitness center. At 1:30 p.m. a "Dive for Dollars" event is planned at the Silver Wings Pool. The celebration continues from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Fowler Park with entertainment by the Air Force Band of the Rockies "Wild Blue Country" and local DJ "Triple C." Pony and train rides, a petting zoo, two jumping castles, a rock-climbing wall and face painting are planned at the Kids Zone. Drawings and giveaways include a \$500 airline gift certificate, DVD player, color television and a sky box suite at the BankOne Ballpark for a Sept. 3 Arizona Diamondbacks game. A fireworks display is also planned at about 9 p.m.

### ***Street closures***

Lightning Street will be blocked from north of the youth center to the shoppette entrance Monday at 11 p.m. through Tuesday because of the Fourth of July celebration. The primary parking area is at Bldg. 1150; alternate parking is at the hospital, base exchange and commissary lots. Handicapped and VIP parking may be accessed through the shoppette blockade. The Thunderbird entrance into base housing will be closed to through traffic from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Mike McGuire at 856-6332.

### ***Litchfield Park activities***

Litchfield Park's Fourth of July celebration begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Litchfield Park Recreation Center Pool. The festivities include diving for coins, relay races and music until 5 p.m. Pre-fireworks activities begin at 7 p.m. with food, beverages and music at the corner of Honeysuckle and Old Litchfield Road. A fireworks display at 9 p.m. ends the evening.

### ***Glendale celebration***

The Glendale Hometown Fourth of July Celebration is Tuesday at Glendale Community College at 59th Avenue and Olive Road. The college pool is open from 1 to 9 p.m. Events include a country music performance from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the stadium with sack races and a tug-of-war competition planned during intermission. Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, will speak at the event. At the amphitheater, east of the stadium, watch magic and puppet shows between 7 and 8:30 p.m. A fireworks display is at 8:40 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

### ***Avondale's celebration***

Avondale's Fireworks Festival 2000 is Tuesday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Phoenix International Raceway. Events include tram tours of the road course, garage area, infield and track. Children's events include train rides, face painting, a water slide and a Wildlife World Zoo show at 5:30 p.m. The evening concludes with a fireworks display beginning at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

### ***Peoria's All-American Festival***

Peoria's All-American Festival begins at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave. Events include a karaoke stage, a variety of inflatable activities, train rides, carnival games, water tag, water balloon launch pad and other activities. Fireworks begin at about 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 for ages 13 and older. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Parking is also free.

### ***Holiday hours***

Monday, the hours for the following facilities are: Army and Air Force Exchange Service main store, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; shoppette, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; military clothing sales store, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; service station, concessions and cleaners, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; administration, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Popeye's and Anthony's Pizza, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Franks Franks and Robin Hood, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Starbucks, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sweet Reflections, closed; and Burger King, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, the AAFES main store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; shoppette, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; service station 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Popeye's and Anthony's Pizza, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The commissary and all other AAFES facilities and concessions are closed.



Airman 1st Class Adam Cyr



## Action Line



**Col. Steve Sargeant**  
**56th FW commander**

*The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.*

*Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's profes-*

*sional experts a chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate official is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.*

<b>Who to call:</b>	
<b>Fraud, waste and abuse hotline</b>	856-6149
<b>Base exchange</b>	935-4652
<b>Commissary</b>	935-3821
<b>Patient advocate</b>	856-9100
<b>Legal assistance</b>	856-6901
<b>Law enforcement desk</b>	856-5970
<b>Housing office</b>	856-7643
<b>Military pay</b>	856-7028
<b>MPF customer service</b>	856-7874
<b>Civil engineer customer service</b>	856-7231

### Unleashed dogs

**Comment:** I was walking today in base housing and was kind of approached by a German shepherd that was not on a leash. The first chance I got, I called security forces and they said because a half hour had passed, they couldn't do anything. They should have at least went by and let the people know about pet regulations. I do have a dog, but when I take him out, he is on a leash.

**Response:** Thank you for your call. The Luke housing pamphlet states, "When outside the owner's home, the animal must be on a leash held by a person of sufficient size and maturity to safely direct the movements of the pet." The 56th Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk sergeant should have responded to your complaint. The 56th SFS is committed to serving the Luke community and, in the future, any complaint made will be appropriately handled and promptly investigated. If you have any questions or additional problems, please call the 56th SFS operations flight commander at 856-6332.

## Sortie Scoreboard

### Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training

	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	<b>27,579</b>	<b>37,902</b>
Flying hours	<b>36,561</b>	<b>49,803</b>
Pilot graduates	<b>611</b>	<b>876</b>
MRT graduates	<b>560</b>	<b>972</b>

**Luke people deployed:**  
AEF 5/6: **2** and AEF 7/8: **88**  
Others: **4**

## Don't drink and drive

# Airman learns hard lesson

**By Lt. Col. Al Jamerson**

*56th Security Forces Squadron commander*

**Commander's note:** During the recent Memorial Day weekend, 644 driving under the influence arrests were made on Arizona roads. According to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, it was a 63-percent increase over 1999's arrests for that weekend. You'd think with all the emphasis on drunk driving and ever increasing penalties, the numbers would go down.

Unfortunately, too many Arizonans have not gotten the word and that includes several Team Luke members. In 1999, more than 30 Luke people committed on and off-base DUI offenses. That doesn't sound like a lot, but one DUI is too many when you consider the price, often tragic, to be paid.

Recently, a 21-year-old airman became a victim of his own excesses. Fortunately, he or no one else was hurt or killed, but I assure you it was an experience he never wants to go through again. I asked him to share his experience in hope someone else might avoid the embarrassment, legal problems and financial cost that is the end result of drinking and driving. The story that follows are that airman's words. I hope you find them as sobering as I did.

On a beautiful evening in March, an event happened that will change my life forever.

I was finished with my last cycle of work and I was leaving to go on a temporary duty assignment in two days. It was Friday night and I was worry free, so I decided to spend the evening in downtown Tempe.

My roommate and I were heading out when I decided we should stop at a bar a few miles away from Mill Avenue. We went inside and had several drinks and our morale was high. It was around 9 p.m. and we decided to make our way to Mill Avenue.

I definitely felt the effects of the alcohol but decided to get behind the wheel anyway. I had the stereo up loud and was having a really good time as I was heading up University Avenue. I was approaching Mill when there was a "do not turn" traffic sign posted right before the intersection. Several other cars made a right-hand turn so I carelessly followed.

There was an officer standing just to the side of the intersection and as soon as I made the turn, he pulled me over. I immediately became nervous when

he approached the vehicle. He instantly smelled the alcohol and made me step out of my vehicle.

Several other police officers were standing around asking me questions and they began field sobriety tests. I failed miserably and was arrested on the spot. I was cuffed and taken to a drunken tank in the back of the parking lot. The officer gave me a breathalyzer test and I registered almost .19. They took down all my information and I called someone to pick up me, my car and my roommate.

I used poor judgement and got arrested for a DUI. The worst part was not knowing the consequences ahead. After the event, I became very guilty and depressed. I eventually went to court and received my punishment.

I had to pay almost \$500 in court fees. I was sentenced to 48 hours in county jail, three months loss of license, two months alcohol treatment program and a few more fees of about \$100. My insurance will double, if not

triple and I'm also in trouble with the Air Force.

The jail time was one of the worst experiences of my life. I was only in 48 hours, yet it seemed like forever. There was nothing to do except stare at the walls and sleep.

It has been a few months since the incident and it has definitely changed my life. Probably

*"...I wish I could take that evening back and do it all over again, but unfortunately that can't happen. ... I'm just grateful I didn't hurt or kill myself or someone else."*

**A 56th Fighter Wing airman**

Recently convicted of driving under the influence

the worst is everyone knows what happened and I'm stuck with that bad label. It's a very embarrassing feeling when people look down on you, knowing you have a criminal record.

In conclusion, I wish I could take that evening back and do it all over again, but unfortunately that can't happen. I figured nothing could happen to me, but that was very foolish thinking. If you don't want to feel depressed and be looked down upon by family and friends, then be smart if you decide to drink.

I have a criminal record that will stay with me forever and will probably prevent me from getting future jobs. Life is too short and important to be wasting time drinking and driving. I'm just grateful I didn't hurt or kill myself or someone else.

In the long run, I think it will make me a better person and I hope no one else will have to learn this the hard way. I'm not saying I won't drink again, but I will never drive again while drinking. It isn't worth the risk or hardship. If you are in that situation, you can always call somebody. If you do continue to drink and drive and use poor judgement, you will eventually get caught.

# CJCS delivers July 4 message

**By Gen. Henry H. Shelton**

*Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

On July 4, 1776, the 13 American colonies declared their independence. The first Patriots, with diverse backgrounds, representing different regions and interests, were united in their quest for freedom and their willingness to fight for liberty.

Despite the considerable risk of almost certain defeat at the hands of the greatest land and sea power of that age, they ultimately triumphed and a new, independent United States of America emerged.

At sea, on land and in the air, whether during peace or war, the

men and women of America's Armed Forces have continued to ensure the sacrifices of our forefathers and others who followed them were not made in vain. The backgrounds of the individuals in today's Armed Forces are even more diverse than those of our predecessors — yet we all continue to unite behind the same ideals and values that guided this nation to independence more than 200 years ago.

Today, on the first Independence Day of the 21st century, you — America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen — are America's new Patriots, linked in spirit to

the generations of fighting men and women of our Nation's great history. Around a troubled world, you deter our foes, protect our friends and keep the peace.

Despite enormous danger, personal sacrifice and lengthy separation from family and friends, it is your indomitable spirit and steadfast willingness to serve that define America and manifest its ideals, both at home and abroad. On this Independence Day, America honors you and all those who preceded you. On behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thank you for all you do in the defense of our great nation — on this — America's birthday.

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# AETC receives new boss

By Staff Sgt. Cheri Dragos  
12th Fighter Training Wing Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** – Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff, passed the AETC reins from Gen. Lloyd Newton to Gen. Hal Hornburg during a ceremony June 22 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

“It is an honor to be here with these two super officers and warriors,” Ryan said during the change-of-command ceremony.

“General Fig Newton has brought superb leadership and vision to this command. He has brought a culture of personal excellence to every challenging position he has held,” Ryan said. “As commander, he has ensured that the expeditionary culture has permeated throughout Air Education and Training Command. He has built the right mind set and skill set in our newest airmen.”

The chief of staff said Hornburg was chosen as the 25th commander of AETC because he is a proven commander, combat leader and aviator.

“General Hornburg always seems to be where the action is,” Ryan said, citing Hornburg’s combat action in Vietnam and his command involvement in air operations during Desert Storm, Bosnia, Desert Thunder and Desert Fox.

“He comes to AETC from Air Combat Command where he was vice commander, training and sustaining the forces we deploy worldwide in our expeditionary force,” Ryan said. “As General Hornburg takes the stick of this great command, I know he will have great challenges and success.”

In accepting command of AETC, Hornburg expressed his gratitude for “being given the opportunity to lead this great command” and pledged to “sustain what the Newtons have started.” Hornburg also shared a glimpse of his vision for the command.

“I really think our job is to create airmen — to give birth to airmen — to take America’s sons and daughters and trans-



O.J. Sanchez

**Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan (left) passes the AETC flag June 22 to Gen. Hal Hornburg during a change-of-command ceremony at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.**

“If you take care of them, I assure you they will continue to take care of you.”

The troops in formation consisted of four units made up of airmen from Headquarters AETC and the 12th Flying Training, 37th Training and 59th Medical wings at Lackland. Each formation wore a different uniform, including flight suits, desert battle dress uniforms, BDUs and Basic Military Training instructors marching in blues.

Hornburg has commanded many key military organizations, including 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; the Joint Warfighting Center, Fort Monroe, Va.; and the 4th Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

He also led a composite fighter wing during Operation Desert Storm and the first Air Force composite wing during the service’s reorganization from 1991 to 1992.

In other assignments, Hornburg directed air operations over Bosnia, served on the Joint Staff and directed operations at Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

In addition, the general served as an F-15 East Coast demonstration pilot, an Air Force liaison officer to the U.S. Senate and as chief of the Air Force Colonels Group.

The general is a command pilot with 4,000 flight hours and three combat tours. He has flown various aircraft to include the T-37, T-38, O-1, O-2, F-100, OV-10, KC-10, F-4D/E, F-15A/C/E and F-16C.

Newton retires Aug. 1 with more than 34 years of military service.

form them into something bigger than what they were when we got them,” Hornburg said. “Airman is not a rank, it is what we are. It is our DNA, our ethos, what we believe in and what we stand for.”

Shortly after Hornburg’s statements, Newton thanked the members of AETC — active-duty, civilian and contractors — for all they accomplished during his tenure and then offered one piece of advice to the new commander.

“These individuals standing before you in uniform today represent only a small part of the professional people throughout this great command,” Newton said.

## Luke’s drinking water

# CES deems base supply safe

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A consumer report on the quality of Luke’s drinking water confirms that Luke’s drinking water is safe.

The annual report is required under the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. It requires test results of community water systems to be made available to the public.

“We’ve always enjoyed high-quality water at Luke,” said Maj. Daniel Golen, 56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering flight chief. “The intent of the annual report is to

give nationwide consumers of community water supplies the opportunity to learn for themselves exactly what’s in their water.”

The report also includes information on the source of Luke’s drinking water, its constituents and the health risks associated with any contaminants.

Luke’s drinking water comes from seven on-base wells. The water is disinfected with chlorine at the well head, mixed within the system and distributed to base people from three above-ground storage tanks.

In addition, Luke has one location that provides purified water that has been through an

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## Luke’s Finest

Each month the Luke’s Chiefs Group chooses an airman who goes above and beyond the call of duty as Luke’s Finest.

**Name:** Senior Airman Omar Manning, 62nd Fighter Squadron information manager and assistant organizational computer manager

**Family:** Wife, Helen, and our baby boy due to be born in November

**Hometown:** Lanham, Md.

**Inspirations:** Tech. Sgt. John Petty, the sharpest Air Force person I have ever met. He has inspired me to stay sharp and to provide the best customer service possible. My mom and dad also inspired me to always work hard, keep a positive attitude and keep my eyes on the goals I want to achieve. My brother inspired me by reminding I can do whatever I want in life.

**Goals:** My short-term goals are to go to school and hit the books hard. My long-term goals are to make technical sergeant within my six-year enlistment and become either a fighter pilot or a computer expert.

**Book at bedside:** “Promotion Fitness Examination” study guide and the Internet

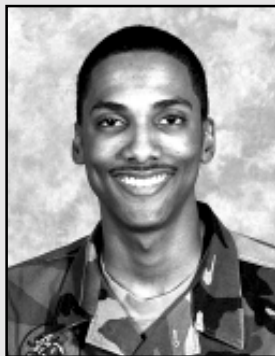
**Greatest feat:** I once cooked 20-minute brownies in 10 minutes

**Hobbies:** Riding motorcycles, playing basketball and watching movies

**Favorite television program:** Boxing events

**Bad habits:** Taking on more than I should

**Car in garage:** A silver 2000 Ford Focus



Manning

## News Briefs

### 56th SFS closures

Pass and registration in Bldg. 1150 and the visitor reception center at the main gate will close today at 1 p.m. for a squadron function. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Nicole Schaade at 856-6521.

### Self-help closure

The self-help store will not be open Saturday due to the holiday weekend, but will instead be open July 8.

### 56th SFS change of command

Lt. Col. Al Jamerson will relinquish command of the 56th Security Forces Squadron to Maj. Tracey Meck in a ceremony Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Hangar 485.

### Travel payment delay

Due to an upcoming realignment in the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, no travel payments will be processed until Wednesday. Members can expect travel payments beginning Thursday.

### 56th LSS change of command

Lt. Col. Nancy Stinson will relinquish command of the 56th Logistics Support Squadron to Maj. Gene Trizinsky in a ceremony Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 485. A reception follows.

### 56th CRS change of command

Lt. Col. Joseph Swillum will relinquish command of the 56th Component Repair Squadron to Maj. Richard Nelson in a ceremony Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the fuel barn in Bldg. 984. A reception follows at the officers club.

### Legal office closure

The legal office will close Thursday at 11 a.m. for an official function. For emergencies, call (602)751-4363.

### Retirement ceremony

Chief Master Sgt. Leon McCoy, 56th Medical Group chief enlisted manager, will retire July 7 at 10 a.m. in a ceremony at the Desert Star Enlisted Club. A reception follows in the hospital lobby.

### 56th DS change of command

Col. Kevin Blair will relinquish command of the 56th Dental Squadron to Col. Benjamin Blackham in a ceremony July 11 at 8 a.m. in the hospital’s west parking lot off Litchfield Road. A reception follows at the hospital dining facility.

### 56th MDG change of command

Col. Michael Lischak will relinquish command of the 56th Medical Group to Col. James Malenkos in a ceremony July 11 at 10 a.m. in the hospital’s west parking lot off Litchfield Road. A reception follows at the officers club.

### 56th CPTS change of command

Lt. Col. Robert Smith will relinquish command of the 56th Comptrollers Squadron to Lt. Col. Michael Shaw in a ceremony July 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Bldg. 1150 third-floor atrium.

### ACSC delay

Enrollment for Air Command and Staff College does not begin until Thursday due to software difficulties. Enrollees will not receive course materials until the end of July. For more information, call Cathy Brogan at the education office at 856-7722.

### Environmental assessment draft

A draft environmental assessment and draft finding of no significant impact is available until July 22 for public review and comment at the Luke library. The document evaluates the environmental status of 607th Air Control Squadron beddown facilities construction. The study determines the consequences to the natural and human environment of subject actions. For more information or to comment, call Cris Cristoffer at 856-3815, ext. 227.



# Luke commissary becomes superstore

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Luke commissary becomes a superstore when it reopens its doors July 26 as part of a Defense Commissary Agency project to make its stores more user-friendly.

To make the transition, the commissary closes July 24 and 25 to rearrange its stock.

DeCA officials are planning to rearrange the layout of some of their stores and make others into superstores. Their goal is to make grocery shopping more convenient.

Luke is one of 22 commissaries worldwide that will become a superstore.

To make the Luke commissary a superstore, one full aisle and two half aisles will be installed for promotional-type items. Also, there will be more sale items than at a regular commissary, said Roy Mitson, store director.

Basically, superstores will have a larger selection of popular items, value items like vitamins, DeCA power buys and an increased supply of products that people buy in large quantities, said Steve Sones, DeCA marketing business unit reset and planogram team chief.

"We will put the 'heavy-' and high-volume items at the front of the store, and place the 'soft' items at the

end of the store, nearer the registers," Mitson said. "By doing this, shoppers can put the heavy or big items they are buying at the bottom of their carts without squashing the bread."

shopping done before the store closes for remodeling July 24, because "we don't want customers to have to go downtown and spend more just because we are closed."



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum

**Commissary employee Ramona Taupin resets the shelves as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's plan to make its stores more user-friendly. Luke's commissary will be closed July 24 and 25 to accomplish this effort.**

## Med group completes hospital construction

After more than three years construction, the 56th Medical Group team can finally say a \$13.7 million hospital construction and renovation project is complete.

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, cut the ribbon at the radiology department June 23, marking the end of construction.

"The med group team is to be congratulated for a job well done in this long construction period. ... Everyone had a hand in making it happen," Sargeant said.

The hospital's original military construction project was an \$8 million addition and alteration and life safety upgrade project designed to modernize the emergency, clinical laboratory and radiology departments by adding 18,000 square feet and renovating 9,000 square feet.

At the same time, installation of a state-of-the-art fire sprinkler and detection system were planned. With asbestos discovered in areas of the hospital, the original November 1997 completion date was adjusted. With an additional \$5.7 million allocated, a new contractor was hired to take care of the asbestos in the facility. In September 1997, that contractor, Morris-Knudsen, became the general contractor for the entire project.

"The 56th Medical Group appreciates

***"The 56th Medical Group appreciates the patience of our customers over the last several years. This newly finished construction allows us to provide quality healthcare in space that rivals that of downtown facilities."***

**Col. Michael Lischak**  
56th Medical Group commander

the patience of our customers over the last several years. This newly finished construction allows us to provide quality healthcare in space that rivals that of downtown facilities," said Col. Michael Lischak, 56th MDG commander. "I invite our beneficiaries to come out to the hospital and see the changes."

In May 1999, emergency room construction was complete. With a massive space increase, patient privacy, security and proximity to needed services improved, said Lt. Col. Teri Ledzinski, 56th Medical Operations Squadron deputy commander. Additionally, new, high-tech patient care equipment was installed including patient monitoring and call systems.

"I think the changes were positive and

forward-thinking ensuring, safe, expedient, emergency care for our beneficiaries," said Maj. Connie Anderson, 56th MDOS medicine flight chief.

After renovations, clinical laboratory space doubled in size. The reception area is twice as large with an increased specimen drawing room and storage spaces.

"This is a positive improvement ... allowing us to increase the efficiency of laboratory services provided," said Capt. Diane Todd, 56th Medical Support Squadron laboratory services officer.

In addition, the surgery suite was remodeled to include a major air handler upgrade. Providing a cleaner surgical environment, the upgrade maintains highly controlled temperatures,

decreasing patients' infection risks.

"Our changes provide a cleaner, safer and more aesthetically pleasing environment for our patients and staff ... definitely on par with our civilian counterparts," said Maj. Sharon Simmons, 56th MDOS surgical services.

The radiology department received the most upgrades. There are now four exposure rooms that support routine radiography as well as more specialized exams. With the upgrade, the Air Force purchased a \$600,000 computer radiography system which eliminates the need for a darkroom, hazardous developing chemicals and saves thousands of dollars in scrap film waste. By September, the mammography section will move from the annex building into the main hospital. Besides new equipment, there is a new patient education center within the radiology department.

Radiology services under one roof will promote efficient patient flow and ultimately improve patient satisfaction, said Tech. Sgt. Bryan Dillard, 56th MDOS.

"The expansion of space and services will enable the radiology department to provide the best diagnostic imaging care in the valley," Dillard said. *(Courtesy of the 56th MDG)*

## Wing Warrior

*This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.*

**Name:** Master Sgt. Bonnie Richardson, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal resources manager

**Hometown:** Beulaville, N.C.

**Years service:** 19

**Family:** Son, Chris, 17; and daughter, Amanda, 15

**Inspirations:** Mentoring from airmen to colonels to civilians who quietly have had a positive effect on others

**Greatest feat:** Working with the hardest working EOD flight in the most outstanding squadron, group and wing

**Famous last words:** "Hoo-yah EOD"

**Off duty:** Volunteering, school, working on a motorcycle, being a mom

**Commander's comments:** "Master Sergeant Richardson totally impressed me during our response to a recent accident," said Col. Robert Worley, 56th Support Group commander. "She not only expertly handled all EOD matters, but served as top shirt for the entire camp. She's an amazing senior NCO!"



Richardson

## Luke's Spirit

*Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.*

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Jeffery Wendall, 63rd Fighter Squadron dedicated crew chief in charge of the 56th FW flagship

**Hometown:** Xenioa, Ohio

**Years service:** 10 years

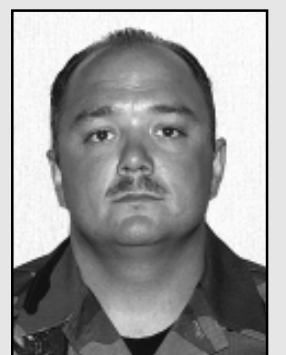
**Family:** Wife, Laronda; children, Alicen, 8; and Jacob, 4

**Inspirations:** Parents, William and Mary Wendall; uncle, Bob Wendall; and Tech. Sgts. Craig Laurrell, Jose Gonzalez and Nathaniel Williams

**Goals:** To earn my Community College of the Air Force degree, become part of the Thunderbirds team and to work on top-secret projects

**Off duty:** Racing NASCAR, volunteering on the local racetrack's fire and rescue crew and boating and fishing

**Commander's comments:** "Jeff is an absolute professional and for that reason was selected to maintain the wing flagship," Sargeant said. "He not only keeps it looking better than any other jet in the fleet, but he works to improve its image every day. Besides that, he's a Buckeye fan!"



Wendall

## Officers get chance to study overseas

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) — Up to three Air Force officers will soon have the opportunity to study overseas for two years as part of the Olmsted Scholar program.

Since study is in a foreign language, selected officers attend language training before beginning their studies.

The selection board is Nov. 16. The Air Force Personnel Center must receive applications by Oct. 1.

The format of the application is available at the military personnel flight.

More information is also available at the officers PME website <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/>.

## Command Chief

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standfamily housing and more money for the permanent change-of-station moves may help military families decide to stay in the Air Force.

“I expect people to be compensated well for what they do and I would like all of us to have big pay raises,” he said. “But I still think that money is not what drives us to stay (in the Air Force).”

Obvious differences in pay grades, once members reach NCO status, is another area Milligan said should be reviewed.

“Once you become a staff sergeant, you’re an NCO,” said the chief. “(There should be) a discernable difference when I look at a pay scale as a senior airman considering re-enlistment.”

Milligan said a strong U.S. economy draws those considering re-enlistment

away, adding to retention problems.

“We don’t give the economy the credit it deserves for some of our (retention) problems,” he said. “When we went to an all-volunteer force, I heard Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (Thomas) Barnes comment that by doing so puts us at the mercy of the job market.”

That is what’s happening now, explained the chief. However, it’s not the first time he has seen such a problem.

“I’ve seen the economy have an impact on how we recruit and keep people in the past. When I came in the Air Force we had a two-deep concept in positions and now you have one person doing the work of five. When the economy was doing well 15 years ago and we lost people, we didn’t feel it as much because we had backfill.”

Twenty-six years later, he said the Air Force is facing the same situation, but

that backfill of troops isn’t there today.

“I don’t know of any skill in the Air Force that’s not marketable on the outside and if money is a motivator then we’re going to lose people,” he said. “We’re not going to be able to stop that by throwing great big dollars at them to get them to stay.”

Therefore, the chief said, it is up to NCO’s at all levels to step up and make people feel a part of something bigger – a member of a team. That’s something he said he witnessed during his visit here.

“He’s the type of leader that energizes you and makes you feel like a member of a winning team,” said Tech. Sgt. Ruben Gonzalez, the first term airman center NCO in charge, about the chief’s visit. “He is very concerned with a lot of enlisted issues, including the retention problems we’re having.”

## Family Day

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Saturday if their leave does not begin until Monday.”

Distance no longer defines the local area, Price said. Luke people simply need to be able to report for duty by their normally scheduled time.

“Hypothetically, our people could take a trip to Germany (without taking leave) as long as they could make it back to their duty station on time,” Price explained.

“Furthermore, if a recall took place, the supervisor must have all the needed information to get in touch with an individual,” Price said. “That individual must then be able to respond in a timely manner.”

Supervisors should also remember to give a safety

briefing to all people 26 years or younger and fill out AETC Form 29B, Predeparture Safety Briefing.

While everyone is encouraged to have fun with their family and friends, do not forfeit health by being careless.

“Don’t try to vacuum-pack a three-day drive into a day and a half,” said Master Sgt. Donald Orton, 56th Fighter Wing safety.

“The biggest enemy of long-distance drivers is fatigue,” Orton said. “Most people who survive a straight-through marathon end up sleeping the rough equivalent of the amount of time they saved anyway.”

Another area of concern is water safety.

“There have already been three times as many

drowning accidents involving active-duty personnel as all of fiscal year 1999,” Orton said. “I cannot stress enough the need for folks to wear floatation devices and not drink alcoholic beverages if they’re going to be recreating on or in the water.”

Fireworks are yet another safety hazard. Often times, people simply don’t understand all of the risks that come with them.

“Fireworks are illegal, plain and simple,” Orton said. “Still, there will be folks out there that have to press the ‘test’ button and light off some bottle rockets and such.

“Home fireworks do not have safety features,” Orton added. “They are designed to burn and explode. Who would want to mess with items that start fires and cause explosions?” *(Portions courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

# Water

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extra filtration process called reverse osmosis. This filtration removes contaminants that may affect taste and appearance is preferable to bottled water because of the extensive tests it undergoes, Golen said.

While the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron manages the maintenance and operation of Luke’s water supply and distribution system, the bioenvironmental engineering flight monitors the quality of the water and addresses any related health concerns.

To ensure tap water is safe to drink, bioenvironmental engineers test it for a variety of microbiological, inorganic and radiological substances and contaminants. Depending on what they are testing for, frequency varies from weekly to annually, Golen said.

Luke’s water was tested for more than 100 contaminants and all tests yielded results well below the maximum allowable levels, according to the report. Everything from agricultural herbicide runoff to naturally occurring salts is periodically measured.

Only one of 192 samples conducted in 1999 detected the presence of total coliform, a microbiological contaminant, Golen said.

This sample was taken Dec. 1. As a result, three resamples were collected to verify the valid-

ity of the initial sample as required by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. All resamples did not detect the presence of total coliform and, thus, confirmed there was no threat to human health, according to the report.

“All drinking water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of certain contaminants,” Golen added.

Due to high standards and commitment to testing in the United States, their presence seldom indicates a health risk.

“Many people who have encountered abdominal discomfort while traveling abroad gain quick appreciation for the quality of water here,” Golen said.

Base engineers test for bacteria and fluoride weekly to ensure levels are within the desired range. For those who prefer to drink bottled water or water that has been purified through a reverse-osmosis process, Golen said, they should be aware reverse-osmosis water does not contain fluoride.

Water in Luke’s water distribution system contains naturally occurring fluoride from the local ground water. One of Luke’s water supply wells did exceed the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) for fluoride. However, this well is only used as a backup water supply and it is blended with water at the other six wells in the distribution system, Golen said.

“By mixing the water, the fluoride concentration is decreased to desired levels before it arrives

at your tap,” he explained.

Federal regulations require fluoride not exceed 4 milligrams per liter and to notify consumers if monitoring indicates fluoride levels exceed 2 milligrams per liter.

“The water that comes to your taps on base and within Luke’s housing areas contains between 1 and 2 milligrams of fluoride per liter,” Golen said.

“Although our water is within acceptable limits, families with children under the age of nine who have any concerns about fluoride, may want to consider consulting their family’s dentist.”

Fluoride in children’s drinking water at levels of about 1 milligram per liter reduces the number of dental cavities. However, children exposed to levels of fluoride greater than 2 milligrams may develop dental fluorosis. Dental fluorosis, in its moderate forms, is a brown staining and pitting of the permanent teeth.

Fluorosis occurs only when developing teeth (before they erupt from the gums) are exposed to elevated fluoride levels, the report stated.

“Luke’s water quality working group is committed to ensuring the quality of drinking water meets the highest possible standards,” Golen said.

To keep base water consumers informed, copies of the complete 1999 Consumer Report on the Quality of Tap Water are available at the base library, public affairs office, the bioenvironmental engineering office and on the internet at [www.luke.af.mil](http://www.luke.af.mil) under the 56th Medical Group link.





Senior Enlisted Forum

Participants ask for more time

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — While it was a great opportunity to exchange views, the time allotted for Department of Defense’s first Senior Enlisted Forum was too short.

That’s what 84 senior enlisted advisors told Defense Secretary William S. Cohen at the close of a daylong forum focused on readiness and quality of life.

“This was too quick,” said Southern Command’s Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Laye of the day’s packed agenda. “It would be better if we came together for two or three days. Then we could really work the issues.”

Cohen hosted the first senior enlisted advisors’ forum at the Pentagon June 22. Based on troop visits around the world, the Cohens said they’ve come to understand that NCOs play a vital role and that they’re willing to speak their mind.

In his opening remarks, Cohen recapped DOD’s recent efforts to improve pay and compensation. He highlighted the department’s commitment to address housing and health care issues. “This is an opportunity for us to sit and listen to you,” Cohen told the group. “You’re the ones who have to deal with these challenges ... on a daily basis.”

Cohen asked the top NCOs to be as candid as possible. “You have to feel free to tell us exactly what’s on your mind so that we can take and absorb that, analyze it, and see what can be done, what’s realistic, what we can do without making false promises.”

Laye, who’s been a soldier for 29 years, agreed that the forum was a good opportunity for the top brass and the top NCOs to communicate.

“The biggest job we have is to be an ‘honest broker,’” he said. “That’s why this forum is so good. The secretary of defense gets unfiltered information. It doesn’t go through all the staff offices and directorates. He got

it straight from the senior enlisted (advisors).

“Frankly,” Laye said, “it made everybody here feel very important, and it shows that the secretary understands the importance of the senior enlisted (advisors).”

Pulling the active duty and Reserve component senior NCOs together also gave the senior enlisted advisors a chance to meet their counterparts, said Navy Master Chief Barbara Ryan, Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital, Fort Dix, N.J.

“The briefings we got were very informative and the information we were able to put back out was also good,” Ryan said. “I do definitely think it needs to be a two- or three-day type of an evolution next time.”

One senior enlisted advisor asked Deputy Defense Secretary Rudy deLeon if there would be a second senior enlisted advisors forum. DeLeon said Cohen hopes he has set a precedent for three events that will continue into future administrations.

First, the Pentagon Pops concert, which honors the nation’s Medal of Honor recipients and other veterans. Second, the military family forum designed to foster communication between service members, family members and Pentagon officials. Third, the senior enlisted advisors forum. Cohen plans to recommend that the next defense secretary keep these programs going, deLeon said.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called the insights gained during the forum outbrief and during conversations throughout the day “absolutely invaluable.”

DOD must ensure its people have the best equipment, training and leadership in the world, he said.

“We’ve also got to make sure they’ve got the tangible thanks of a grateful nation, not just our grateful words. I mean — decent salaries, housing, health care and enduring retirement benefits. We’re working hard to make all of that come true.”

AF offers officers

career expansion

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — Air Force officers who want to enhance their career and experience something outside of their specialty should check out the opportunities offered through career broadening assignments.

There are a variety of positions available, which give line officers an opportunity to get an expanded view of the Air Force and develop some skills they may not be able to develop in their own career field, said Lt. Col. Charles Kelker, career broadening branch chief.

With positions such as aide-de-camps, air attachés, exchange officers, Air University instructors, Basic Military Training or technical school commanders, international politico-military affairs and protocol, there are a number of opportunities available.

“The Air Force has been taking a strong look at developing leaders and one of the keys is to make sure the officer corps is broad in experience so they can succeed in a wealth of leadership positions,” Kelker said. “Career broadening gives an officer that breadth of experience they might not get otherwise.

Officers who are interested in a career broadening assignment need to understand “there is a right time to do career broadening,” according to Kelker. Historically, officers did career broadening after they’ve been in their career field between five and seven years. However, there are now more opportunities for field grade officers as the number of field grade career broadening requirements are increasing.

“There is no right time for everybody,” Kelker said. It depends on what the officer has done so far and if the primary career field manning can support temporarily losing them.

To find out more information, check out the Career Broadening Assignments site on the Air Force Personnel Center Web page at [afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/careerbroad/career-broad.html](http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/careerbroad/career-broad.html).





# Monsoon season: Prepare for summer storms

By 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Carney

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Monsoon season officially began June 21 following a thunderstorm that swept through the valley the evening before, dropping nickel-sized hail in some Valley locations.

“The monsoon season was declared based upon the guidelines of three consecutive days with a dewpoint of 55 degrees or higher,” said Ron Presnal, 56th Operations Support Squadron weather operations forecaster.

Monsoon season was declared about three weeks earlier than normal. Under normal conditions, monsoon season finishes sometime in mid-September. However, early indications point to this season being abnormal.

“Experts say this monsoon season will be more active, stronger and last longer according to the National Climatic Environmental Prediction Center,” said Master Sgt. Chris Billingsley, 56th OSS weather operations superintendent.

When the jet stream shifts to the north and a dry westerly wind sweeps through, humidity becomes very low while temperatures begin soaring above 100 degrees. These conditions are prime for the forthcoming moisture that drifts up from the gulfs creating the thunderstorms.

“Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of California spreads across most of Arizona because of the rotation of the Bermuda High. The combination of intense heating and moisture creates an atmosphere prime for thunderstorms

and other atmospheric activities,” Presnal said.

Some of those activities are high winds, brief, heavy downpours and frequent lightning. In what is normally a rather placid locale nine months of the year, for about three months, Phoenix can experience extremely violent weather.

“Flash flooding can be a real problem during the monsoon season. There was a storm back in 1992 that flooded the base that had accompanying winds of 75 mph,” Billingsley said. “We have also had winds from other storms with gusts of over 100 mph associated with Valley thunderstorms.”

Most monsoon storms tend to form in two places. “Some storms form in the Gila Bend area and will usually drift into the Valley area by late afternoon. The other storm-forming location is near the Mogollon Rim. These storms usually drift in from 6 to 9 p.m.,” Billingsley said.

Still, storm predicting isn’t always precise. “We have a pretty good idea where the strongest activity will come from, but the nature of thunderstorm activity is unpredictable,” Billingsley said.

That unpredictability and power can cause serious risks. There are a few rules that should always be followed when dealing with a monsoon thunderstorm. For starters, high winds can create hazardous conditions.

“Dust storms are often so intense, they produce a ‘brown out’ condition much like a ‘white out’ in a snowstorm,” said Master Sgt. Donald Orton, 56th Fighter Wing safety.

He advises if a person is driving and can’t see, pull off to

the side of the road as far as safely possible, then turn off headlights and wait out the storm. The reason is, if another driver sees taillights, they may think they are on the roadway and drive right into the back of the parked vehicle.

Lightning always poses a serious danger. “Lightning kills several hundred people a year in the U.S. alone. To avoid adding your fried carcass to that number, know when to get out of the weather,” Orton said.

He also suggests when a lightning storm hits, go inside. If unable, sit or lie down but not under a tree. Also, stay in a car if possible. When indoors, stay away from windows, don’t take a shower and don’t talk on the phone.

“If you have a piece of electronic equipment that you value, unplug it,” Orton added. “Don’t trust a \$6 surge protector to protect your \$5,000 entertainment system. You’ll be sorely disappointed.”

Flooding can also be a serious problem. The ground is unable to absorb such a high volume of water in such a short amount of time.

“The biggest mistake people make during monsoon rain is thinking their car is amphibious,” Orton said. “If the road you’re traveling is flooded, turn around!”

“Every year I see people wasting their 15 minutes of fame by getting washed 40 yards downstream by flash flood waters after their car stalls out,” Orton said. “Then, every news chopper in the metro area hovers around their car while authorities pluck them from the jaws of death.”







Photos by Senior Airman Jill Propst

*Tech. Sgt. George Jozens, 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, tackles one of many challenging mountain biking trails Monday at the White Tank Mountain Regional Park.*

# White Tanks

## Local recreational area provides leisure, fitness

**By Maj. Derek Kaufman**  
*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

For pilots returning from the Barry M. Goldwater Range, they are a beacon that says “you’re almost home.” For maintainers working on the Luke flightline, they ruggedly frame the western sky. To all, they are an unspoiled desert oasis in the western Valley of the Sun.

They are the White Tank Mountains. Climbing some 3,000 feet from the Valley floor, the White Tanks are a series of serrated rocky ridges and deep canyons that underscore both the beauty and fragility of the Arizona landscape. The range gets its name from rare, life-bringing heavy rains that cause flash floods to pour down chutes and carve out tanks in the white granite below.

The White Tanks is Maricopa County’s largest regional park. At more than 26,000 acres, the preserve is a place Luke people can enjoy for a \$3-per-vehicle entrance fee. Located just 10 miles west of Luke on Olive Avenue, the park is overflowing

with Sonoran Desert wildlife, ranging from palo verde and ironwood trees to Roadrunners and Gila monsters.

Just getting there excites the senses. Those brave enough to make the trek by bike or to roll down their car windows will enjoy the aroma of acres of irrigated rose bushes grown by local farmers for sale at retail stores across the country. Soon, rose fields give way to hundreds of stately saguaro cacti, marking the beginning of protected county lands.

The park offers more than 22 miles of hiking trails for people of all ages and abilities, said Sandra Mobley, park educator. A self-guided interpretive trail describes Sonoran plant-life such as cholla, prickly pear and barrel cacti. Those who are equipped can also experience challenging horse and mountain bike trails. Mobley recommends bringing sunscreen and plenty of water. A quart of water an hour is needed for moderately strenuous hikes.

“The most common mistake people make is they fail to dress appropriately,” Mobley said.

Shorts, bathing suits and tanks tops may contribute to overheating and sunburn. Instead, wear a hat and light-colored clothing that loosely covers the skin. Rugged footwear like hiking boots, is preferred to sandals.

“Stay on the trails, know where you’re going and let someone know where you’re headed and when you will return — bring some basic things with you, like a whistle (for signaling) in case you get lost,” Mobley said.

Covered picnic areas with tables and grills, play areas and restrooms make the park a natural for family fun — although fire potential currently restricts all outdoor grilling except by propane units. Overnight camping areas for families and recreational vehicles are also available for an additional fee.

Ancient Hohokam petroglyphs can be seen along several trails and the popular “Waterfall Trail” in particular. Best viewing is early in the morning for soft colors and good contrast for photography, Mobley said. Early risers might be “lucky enough” to see an occasional

rattlesnake or white flowers blooming atop 30-foot tall saguaros.

The saguaros bloom at night in May and June and are pollinated by bats. Park visitors will also see red fruit perched atop the saguaros, which American Indians historically harvested in July to make syrup or wine.

As the sun sets, visitors are struck by a magical silence in the mountains that can only be described as the song of the desert night. Long shadows give way to darkness, rapidly cooling temperatures and occasional calls by birds, grasshoppers and cicadas. Looking east, the glow of the entire Valley unfolds beneath. Just west of the first range of peaks, light from the city is blocked, allowing spectacular star gazing.

This and much more can be experienced in the White Tanks. The park is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Interpretive tours for groups can be arranged in advance. For more information, visit [http://www.maricopa.gov/rec\\_svc/](http://www.maricopa.gov/rec_svc/) or call 935-2505.



*(Left) Senior Airman Donald Propst, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, hikes through the park Saturday. (Above) The recreational area is just 10 miles west of Luke on Olive Avenue. The park offers numerous trails for all levels of hiking and biking abilities. In addition, the natural desert landscape offers scenery and challenges Luke visitors may not have experienced before.*



## Information, Tickets and Tours

Information, Tickets and Tours is in the community center. Dillards Box Office and Ticketmaster are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday. For more details, call 856-6000.

### Tours

#### Algodones, Mexico

A trip to Algodones, Mexico, leaves July 8 at 6 a.m. from Bldg. 700 and returns at about 7 p.m. The cost is \$15. Travelers must carry picture identification. Food is available for purchase.

#### Laughlin

Trips to the Riverside Casino in Laughlin, Nev., are July 9 and 23. The bus departs at 6 a.m. and returns at about 10 p.m. both trips.

The \$5 cost includes transportation, champagne brunch or dinner buffet and coupons for casino action and gift shops. Participants must be at least 21 years old.

### Tickets

Tickets for a variety of community events are available. Call for locations, times and events.

## Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost for children 11 and under is \$1; adults pay \$2.



### Today, Saturday

#### Gladiator (R)

Stars Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Richard Harris and Djimon Hounsou.

In the final days of Marcus Aurelius' reign, the emperor arouses his son Commodus' anger when he makes it known that Maximus is his successor.

Power-hungry Commodus kills his father and orders the death of Maximus. But the latter flees and hides his identity by becoming a slave and gladiator. Eventually, Maximus journeys back to Rome to confront his archrival.

### Sunday

#### Screwed (PG-13)

Stars Norm MacDonald and Danny DeVito.

Chauffeur Willard Fillmore devises a foolproof plan of revenge against his boss-from-hell employer Miss Crock with his bumbling pal Rusty. The duo kidnaps the nasty woman's prized



pooch, holding it for ransom. When the dog escapes back to its owner, Miss Crock mistakenly comes to the conclusion that it is her chauffeur who has been kidnapped. Flustered, the guys try to cover their tracks by employing a creepy mortician, Grover Cleaver, but he only triples their problems.



### July 7 at 7 p.m.

### July 8 at 6 p.m.

#### Shanghai Noon (PG-13)

Stars Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson and Rafael Baez.

When Princess Pei Pei is kidnapped from China, the emperor dispatches three of his Imperial Guards to deliver the ransom in gold to her kidnappers in America's Wild West. Chon Wang isn't among the chosen. However, he

manages to tag along anyway by offering to carry the luggage for his uncle, the interpreter.

Heading through the Nevada desert by train, the Imperial entourage is hijacked by a motley crew of would-be train robbers. Some quick martial arts moves by Chon mean the thieves lose the loot, but they also leave Chon alone in the desert.

An unexpected run-in with the train robber's leader, Roy O'Bannon, in a saloon lands the two in jail. Upon hearing that Chon's mission involves not only a beautiful princess, but also a trunk of gold coins, Roy becomes Chon's new best friend.



### July 8 at 9 p.m.

#### Road Trip (R)

Stars Breckin Meyer, DJ Qualls, Seann William Scott and Tom Green.

When you're in a committed relationship and have sex with another person, then it's not cheating if you're in different area codes, but it is cheating if you videotaped it and someone mails it to your girlfriend, which is what happens to Josh.

Discovering the mistake, Josh tows his college buddies on a 1,800-mile road trip from Ithaca, N.Y., to Austin, Texas, to save his lifelong romance.

## Chapel News

### Worship schedule

The following is Luke’s Protestant and Catholic worship schedule:

#### Protestant worship

- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Gospel service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
- ♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.

#### Catholic worship

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon in the Luke Community Chapel.



### Singles meet

The Luke Chapel Singles meet at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the fitness center for walleyball and at 7 p.m. in the Luke Community Chapel conference room for bible study.

For more information about about other chapel programs, call 856-6211.

## Around Base

### ‘Fourth on the Third’ celebration

Cave Creek Merchants are sponsoring a “Fourth on the Third” celebration Monday. The Air Force Band of the Rockies “Wild Blue Country” is participating in the festivities, which begins at 7 p.m. The event is at 6895 E. Cave Creek Road A fireworks display at about 9:30 p.m. ends the evening’s festivities.

### Vacation Bible School

Luke children can discover amazing things about God, themselves and the world during Vacation Bible School July 24 to 28 from 9 a.m. to noon each day at the Luke Community Chapel.

Using the “SonZone Discovery Center,” a professionally-produced curriculum, the week features drama, music, crafts, games and Bible stories. The week concludes with a children’s production Friday evening. Children ages 5 and older must be registered by July 8.

To register or for more information, call the chapel staff at 856-6211 or Cassie Kautzmann at 535-8900.

### Teen Diamondbacks game

The youth center offers a trip Saturday for teens 13 to 18 years old to see the Diamondbacks. The group leaves the youth center at 11:30 a.m. and returns after the game. The cost is \$10. The trip is limited to 13 people. For more information, call 856-7470.

### Smoking cessation

A smoking cessation class begins July 12. The six-week class meets Wednesdays from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at

the health and wellness center. For more information or to register, call Maj. Linda McConnel at 856-3830.

### American Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross offers the following classes:

- ♦ An American Red Cross new volunteer orientation is July 13 and 27 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. There are many volunteer positions open with days and hours to fit everyone’s schedule.
- ♦ An introduction to to disaster class is July 22 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. The class provides general information about disasters and gives an overview American Red Cross services.
- ♦ A damage assessment class will follow from 1 to 4:30 p.m. This course prepares people to serve as damage assessment workers on national disasters and how to get and report damage assessment information.

Both disaster classes are free.

- ♦ An adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid class is Aug. 5 at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. Enrollment is open to military identifcation-card holders, their family members and Luke civilian employees. The cost is \$22 with registration and pre-payment required.

To register for classes or for more information, call 856-7823.

### Red Cross seeks instructors

The American Red Cross seeks volunteers interested in becoming instructors. Instructors are needed to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, babysitting, child care and CPR for the professional rescuer.

Classes are once a month and, as an instructor, volunteers are required to teach a class once every two years to renew their certification.

For more information, call the American Red Cross at 856-7823.



***Vets host July Fourth event***

A local Disabled American Veterans group hosts its annual Fourth of July celebration Sunday at 9 a.m. at Saguaro Ranch Park. Refreshments are served following the celebration at the organization's office, 8441 N. 61st Ave. in Glendale.

***USAF Helicopter Pilot Association***

The U.S. Air Force Helicopter Pilot Association has a reunion Oct. 16 through 22 in Tuscon and Phoenix. All present and former pilots are invited to this two-location reunion.

For more informaiton, write USAF HPA, Box 38036, Phoenix, AZ 85609; e-mail paul-air@primenet.com; fax (602) 995-1363; or visit the website at USAFHPA.org.

***Hospice seeks volunteers***

Hospice of Arizona seeks volunteers to visit terminally ill patients and their families at the patients' homes or at group homes, centers or the hospice in-patient facilities. A 30-hour volunteer training program begins in July. For more information, call Traci Pope or Sylvia Don Carlos at (602) 678-1313.

***'We Prefer Program' ends soon***

The 56th Services Squadron nears the end of its 14-week sweepstakes promotion to reward card members for using their club cards in its facilities.

Called "We Prefer," the promotion ends July 15. Members receive an entry form every time they charge a minimum of a \$5 on their club card.

Salutes

***Senior NCO Academy graduates***

Six Team Luke senior master sergeants graduated June 21 from the Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. They are:

- ♦ Michael Bratcher, 342nd Training Squadron
- ♦ David Brown, 607th Air Control Squadron
- ♦ Darryl Hamilton, 56th Transportation Squadron

- ♦ Gregg Klein, 309thFighter Squadron
- ♦ Michael Miller, 56th Medical Support Squadron

- ♦ Duane Carter, 56th Component Repair Squadron







# 308th FS Knights slay OSS Wizards, 12-9

By Senior Airman J. Propst  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 308th Fighter Squadron Emerald Knights out hit the 56th Operations Support Squadron Wizards throughout a June 22 intramural softball game, giving them a three-run win.

The Wizards scored all nine of their runs in three innings. The Knights, however, consistently brought in runs, even under pressure, scoring most of their runs with two outs. This gave the team enough of a lead to carry them through their dry spells.

The Knights started the game with several solid line drives to the outfield, bringing Mike Hohman and Mike Davis home for two runs. The Wizards then showed them up by driving Jason Fazio, Paul Kester and Ken Witcher in one after another. It looked like a high scoring game was ahead.

Trouble was brewing for the Knights in the beginning of the second when an in-field fly ball and a pop-up to the catcher gave them two outs with no runs. Hohman then came through with a line drive to center, bringing Yamil Davila and Jason Welch home. The Knights fielding prevented the Wizards from making anything happen. They left two runners stranded on base, with the inning ending in the Knights favor, 4-3.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

*Knights James Smith grabs a ground ball before it reaches Jason Welch.*

The Wizards fielding picked up in the third, with their third baseman working overtime, catching two line drives for two outs. The Knights squeaked by with only one run. The Knights held the Wizards by keeping their first runner out on first and second runner at second. The Knights quickly took out the Wizards third

runner on a fly ball down the right field line, ending the inning, 5-3.

In what looked like a repeat of the second inning, the Knights had two outs with no runs in the fourth. Davis, the fifth batter, finally brought Davila, the first batter of the inning, home when Davila hit a line drive past third base. The Knights used the momentum

to score three more runs before the Wizards turn at bat. This would be another three-run inning for the Wizards. The Knights allowed two runs when Chuck Thompson hit a line drive and a fielding error allowed Derek Ryser and Fazio to score. The Knights quickly ended the inning and kept the lead, 9-6.

The Wizards infield prevented even one of the Knights from reaching first base in the top of the fifth. The Wizards began to make a comeback, but fell short, only scoring two runs when Bill Gillis hit a fly ball that burned the Knights right fielder, bringing Phil Feistner home. Strong running turned a triple into an in-the-park home run.

Though the Knights had two outs early in the sixth inning, they were able to recover and score three runs. They then took charge during the bottom of the inning, keeping the Wizards from putting anyone on base.

At the bottom of the seventh, the Wizards felt the pressure. This was their last chance and the Knights were four runs ahead. Great fielding, however, stopped the Knights from scoring. The Wizards first two runners were out before reaching first base. With two outs and no runs on the board, the Wizards managed to get three runners on base, but only one made it home. The Knights were victorious, 12-9.

## Teams battle for play-off spots

# MDG buries AMMO, 9-2, in intramural softball



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*Danny Engles, 56th Medical Group, grabs the ball in hopes of tagging AMMO Fred Cordts out.*

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The 56th Medical Group cut down the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions flight June 21 during an intramural softball game near the base fitness center, 9-2.

MDG started the first inning with two outs in their first three batters. They did bring in one run when Rob Davis hit a line drive to center, bringing Scott Bryant home. AMMO began the game in a slump, only having two hits in three innings.

MDG was not fairing

much better, only scoring one run in the second inning. Even though AMMO had some solid hits, the team went down 1, 2, 3.

The third inning was MDG's inning, scoring five runs on several hits to the outfield. Proving they work well under pressure, four of those runs were brought in with two outs, including Daniel Nored burning the right fielder with a hit to the fence, bringing in Debbie Robinson and Rafael Gelarza. AMMO's slump continued, giving MDG a 7-0 lead.

AMMO got a chance by preventing MDG from scoring in the fourth, but they still

couldn't get their bats to work; they only got two hits. Rob Rogers had a fly ball to right center and good hustle put him on second. After tagging up and running to third, a line drive by Fred Cordts, brought Rogers home for the only run of the inning.

MDG sealed AMMO's fate when Robinson and Nored scored in the fifth. AMMO brought home Jesse Thibodeau in a futile come-back attempt at what became their last run of the game.

In the sixth and final inning, both MDG and AMMO failed to get a runner on base with the final score 9-2 in MDG's favor.

# Luke Falcons prepare for regional play-offs



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

*Falcons Jason Cassidy gets back on base after a Chandler Snapper attempted to pick him off. The Falcons won, 19-1.*

The Luke Falcons baseball team went through a grueling schedule this past week, with eight games in six days.

Tired and exhausted, they put forth a great effort in all the games, said Falcons coach Jeff Dahlke. The team ended the week with a 6-2 record. Their record stands at 22-12.

Of those eight games, the Falcons outscored their opponents by a margin of 90-27. Three of the games were shut outs and in two other games, only one run was given up.

"Everybody has been hitting the ball hard, even against the better pitchers. When you hit the ball hard things always happen for the better," Dahlke said. "This past week was a tough one for everybody with all the games we played. We only had one game that we didn't step up and play well. That says a lot for the players."

The Falcons recently lost one of their top pitchers, but others are stepping up. With all the runs being scored, it has been easier on the pitching staff.

In some of the more lopsided games, the Falcons didn't give the other team a

chance. Two of the games were against the Chandler Snappers in which Luke won 19-1 and 10-0.

An even more embarrassing thrashing was Sunday night's game when the umpires called the game after only three innings due to the 21-0 score.

"Although we have been winning, we are still looking for a few more pitchers," Dahlke said. "With the way things are in the military, players come and go so often it's hard to keep a consistent roster."

The Falcons stats are impressive. The team has 11 players batting better than .300 and four of those are better than .400. The team's pitching is good, Dahlke said, but they will have to step it up even more for the playoffs. The team ERA is at 4.60, with a low ERA of 1.82.

The team has a week off due to the Fourth of July holiday, but will be right back at it the following week. Playoffs begin the end of July for the right to travel to California or Kansas, to play in the championships. For information on how to join the team, call Dahlke at 856-7092. (Courtesy of the Luke Falcons)



## Standings

### Softball

The intramural softball playoffs begin Wenesday at 6 p.m. at the base softball fields. The base championship game is July 7at 6:30 p.m. All teams will compete in the single-elimination tournament. For more information on game times and locations, check the fitness center bulletin board.

Team	Wins	Losses
56th CRS	15	1
56th EMS	15	1
310th FS	12	3

607th ACS	11	4
63rd FS	10	3
56th LSS	10	4
56th SVS	11	6
308th FS	10	5
56th CES	10	6
56th OSS	10	6
56th TRANS	10	6
21st FS	9	6
309th FS#1	8	7
309th FS#2	6	8
62nd FS	6	8
AMMO	4	6
56th SFS	5	9
944th FW	5	10
56th SUPS	5	11
372nd TRS	3	12
56th MSS	2	13

### Golf

Four-person teams play

intramural golf Thursdays at noon at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course.

Team	Points
56th OSS	19.5
607th ACS	19.5
63rd FS	16
56th TRANS	16
309th FS	15.5
56th SFS	15.5
56th TRS	15
56th SUPS	14
56th EMS	13
56th SVS	12.5
56th CES	12.5
61st FS	8.5
62nd FS	8
56th CRS	7
56th LSS	6.5
56th CS	6
21st FS	0

## Sports Shorts

### Softball tourney

The Armed Forces State Softball Championship is July 22 and 23 at Luke. The cost is \$130. For more information, call the fitness center at 856-6241.

### Basketball clinic

The youth center sponsors a trip to the Phoenix Suns Basketball Clinic July 27 from noon to 5 p.m. at

the America West Arena. The trip is limited to 12 participants ages 8 to 18 for a cost of \$10. Register at the youth center.

### Camping reminder

Outdoor recreation staff reminds outdoor enthusiasts that many forests are closed because of fire hazards. For more information, call 856-9334.













